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ART UNIT 1646**

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: JHU1220-4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lee and Esquela Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/361,655 Examiner: Prema M. Mertz
Filed: July 27, 1999
Title: METHODS OF DETECTING A LIVER DISORDER

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1. Notice of Appeal (2 pages);
2. Petition for Two (2) Months Extension of Time (2 pages);
3. Check No. 540962 in the amount of \$365.00; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, July 18, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Large Entity Rate	Small Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	9	20	0	x \$18	x \$09	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,



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